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Please amend the Application as follows:

In the Claims:

*AB*  
*AI*

Claim 1 (amended): A surge layer for personal care products comprising a compression resistant first creased layer adjacent a lower density second layer having a density between 0.01 and 0.15 g/cc, said second layer and said creased layer being bonded together.

Claim 2 (amended): The surge layer of claim 1 wherein said first layer has a basis weight between 5 and 70 gsm and said second layer has a basis weight between 25 and 250 gsm.

*AB*  
*AI*

Claim 3 (amended): The surge layer of claim 1 further comprising a third layer adjacent said first layer on a side away from said second layer, said lower density third layer having a density between 0.01 and 0.15 g/cc, said third layer and said creased layer being bonded together.

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Claim 11 (amended): The surge layer of claim 2 wherein said second layer comprises conjugated fibers.

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REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to indicate that the first layer is a compression resistant layer and the lower density layer are adjacent the first layer. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification at page 8, line 1 and page 9, lines 6 – 11 and Figure 1.